

~~Abstract~~~~Authentication of key devices~~

5        The invention relates to a method for authentication of key devices using an asymmetric encryption method, in which the key device is assigned a device-specific certificate (Z). According to the invention, each key device is assigned a group-specific 10 signature key (pAD) and a group-specific signature (S(Z)) of the certificate (Z), with a group being composed of a limited total number of key devices.

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